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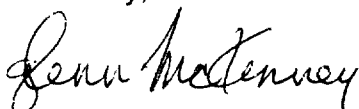
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Re: Docket Numbers: 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-1097

To Whom It May Concern:

FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices that injure human health. The practice of forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hen's immune systems. FDA should ban the forced molting of laying hens because it is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs. The cruelty and contamination are linked. FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay.

Sincerely,



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